

**Lakehead Rotary Club—Thunder Bay**

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2017/18 President—Wayne Robinson



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

February 15, 2018



We welcomed our newest member today – JENNIFER KAHAN – who brought our total membership for this year to 40, a goal that has eluded us for many years

A mild late winter morning for our meeting with 18 Lakehead Rotarians, prospective new member Jennifer Kahan and our special guest Larry Lovis.

**ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:**

Brian Brescia was on the door today covering for Gail who is out of town. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club. The sign-up sheet for 2017/18 is available now so pick a month and sign on to help.

JULY	Clint Kuschak	JANUARY	Clifford Mushquash
AUGUST	Karl Ratz	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Gail Brescia</b>
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	open
OCTOBER	Karl Ratz	APRIL	open
NOVEMBER	Karl Ratz	MAY	open
DECEMBER	Mo Papich	JUNE	open

**SPONSORSHIP:**

If you can help your Club and wish to promote your business or community interests through a month sponsorship, please contact Sergeant Bill or Clint. Here is the sponsorship line-up so far:

JULY	open	JANUARY	open
AUGUST	TBSO/Ken	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Beaux Daddy's</b>
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	RFDA/Volker
OCTOBER	Nexus/Audrey	APRIL	MS Society/Sandy
NOVEMBER	NOSM/Gail	MAY	Salvation Army/Gail
DECEMBER	open	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

**OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH**

**ROTARIAN CHRIS DAVIDSON**



Our sponsor this month is Beaux Daddy's Canajun Grill House – thank you Rotarian Chris Davidson.

**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY**

Celebrating birthdays this month

**GAIL BRESCIA**



Celebrating anniversaries this month

**KATHRYN & RALPH KEMPTON**

**CLUB CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH**

- FEB 19** FAMILY DAY
- FEB 22** CANCELLED !!!
- FEB 23** ROTARY ANNIVERSARY - ICC

**MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION MONTH**

- MAR 1** PAUL PEPE/THUNDER BAY TOURISM
- MAR 8** MAUREEN NADIN/MESSAGING
- MAR 15** EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE [METI]
- MAR 17** BUSINESS MEETING
- MAR 22** ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- MAR 29** GARY DAVIES
- MAR 30** NATURE CONSERVANCY of CANADA
- MAR 30** CAROL VOTH – MS SOCIETY
- MAR 30** GOOD FRIDAY

**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

- APR 2** **EASTER MONDAY**
- APR 5** **DOUG LUND/SALMON ASSOCIATION**
- APR 12** **MEETING CANCELLED !!!**
- APR 12** **SHRIMP FEST**
- APR 19** **BUSINESS MEETING**
- APR 19** **ROTARY CANADA CLUB MEETING**
- APR 26** **MEETING CANCELLED !!!**
- APR 26-29** **DISTRICT CONFERENCE – THUNDER BAY**

**MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

- MAY 3** **OPEN**
- MAY 10** **OPEN**
- MAY 17** **BUSINESS MEETING**
- MAY 24** **OPEN**
- MAY 31** **OPEN**

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

- JUN 7** **OPEN**
- JUN 14** **OPEN**
- JUN 21** **MEETING CANCELLED !!!**
- JUN 21** **PRESIDENT'S BBQ & ASSEMBLY**
- JUN 23-27** **ROTARY INT'L CONVENTION – TORONTO**
- JUN 28** **BUSINESS MEETING – FINAL MEETING OF 17/18**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE – 2018 THUNDER BAY**

Our District Conference will be held in Thunder Bay this year with the Valhalla Inn serving as the host hotel for most of the events. Conference Registration is now open on our District website – register today. Here is a direct link to get you started:

<http://rotary5580.org/page/2018-district-conference-thunder-bay-ontario>



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER JENNIFER KAHAN**

Membership Committee member Paul Carr conducted the induction ceremony this morning for our newest member, JENNIFER KAHAN. Jennifer is sponsored by Rotarian Shirley DeWilde and joins our Club and the world-wide family of Rotary effective February 1, 2018 with the classification Operating Engineer – Retired. Welcome Jennifer.



**PRESENTATION:**

Our special guest today was Larry Lovis from Investors Group in Thunder Bay. Larry has written an informative and accessible book on investing and financial planning. The book is just out now and several copies were snapped up by members today.



Larry graduated from McMaster University in 1985 with degrees in both Economics and Political Science. He entered the Financial Services Industry at the age of 22. He obtained his CFP designation in '92 and served in management for 11 years, hiring and training new consultants. He has developed and conducted numerous seminars and workshops for government and business on all aspects of financial planning with a specialty in retirement planning. He has been actively involved in his community helping to raise money for charities and has served on numerous boards of directors. He enjoys coaching high school athletics and is an avid golfer, fisherman and guitar player. He has turned his energies to helping people prepare for retirement.

Larry shared some of the experience of getting a book published in Canada. He wanted to make it accessible and not full of charts and technical jargon. He calls it a no nonsense guide for financial planning. His first transcript was edited at length by a content editor and a syntax [grammar] editor and he was his own editor. One message that he stressed was that many people underestimate how long they will live and therefore have not fully prepared for the expense of living a long and useful life and having the financial resources to be able to do the things they want to do.

**50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:**

Jennifer was our winner today and her winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in June along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from January to June.

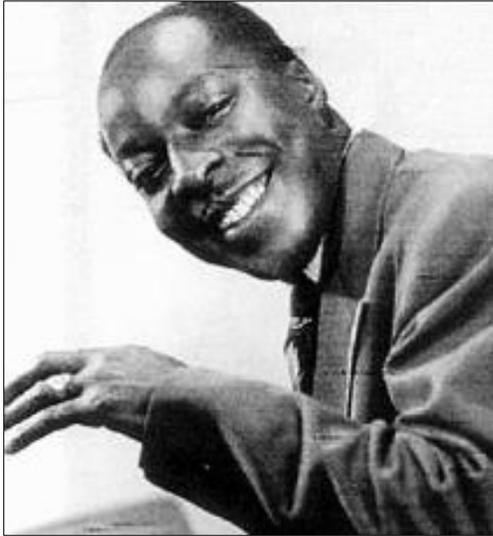
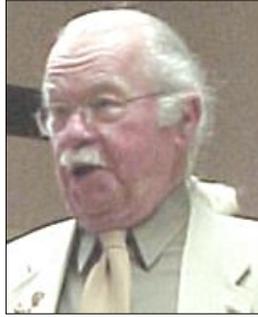
**FINES:**

Richard worked the cup again today starting out with tribute from President Wayne for recounting his story about bringing his garbage to the border. That beats those of us who arrive at work or our destination and not remembering how we got there. The Winter Olympics were discussed by most of us today over breakfast and some had closer encounters with the event - Donna was a torch bearer for the Calgary Olympics. Sandy discovered that someone in town she has known for some time turns out to be an Olympic ski jumper. In honour of our guest's first published book, those who have not written a book were invited to pay tribute. Jennifer was happy to be a new Rotarian and is looking forward to helping with our projects and events. Donna was happy with all of the great Olympic coverage on various "platforms".

## BILL'S STUFF...

Welcome regular contributor to your weekly Club Chronicle – Bill Butuk with his “Bill’s Stuff” Column.

# CECIL GRANT



Cecil Gant (born April 4, 1913 in Columbia, Tennessee—died April 4, 1951 in Nashville, Tennessee) was an American blues singer, pianist and songwriter who was active from the mid-1930s to 1951 and who influenced the early development of Rock and Roll. Gant was raised in Cleveland, Ohio and through the mid-1930s worked in clubs in the Cleveland area.

At the start of the Second World War, he was drafted into the U.S. Army where it seems he materialized out of the wartime fog to create one of the most soulful blues ballads of the 1940s. Cecil was just over 30 years old when he burst upon the scene in a most peculiar way. He popped up in military uniform at a War Bonds rally in Los Angeles, California sponsored by the U.S. Treasury Department. He was billed as “Private Gant the GI Sing-Sation”, and went on to electrify the audience with his piano playing prowess. This led to his 1944 signing with Gilt Edge Records in Oakland California and recorded his debut hot blues ballad “I Wonder”. The flip side of the record “Cecil’s Boogie” was also a big hit for Gilt Edge Records.

In 1944 Cecil's “I Wonder” went to No. 1 on Billboard's R&B charts and to No. 20 On the Hot 100. While he was in the army, his concerts attracted an integrated audience. In 1947 he recorded for King Records and for Bullet Records in Nashville Tennessee until 1949. His 1948 record of “Nashville Jump” was also a big hit. In 1949 he returned to Los Angeles and recorded for Down Beat and Swing Time Record Labels, and in 1950 to New Orleans Louisiana to record for Imperial Records.

All of these efforts were of diminishing commercial success. Many of Gant's records had blues ballads on the A-side and up-tempo boogie-woogie songs or instrumentals on the B-side, fore-shadowing Rock and Roll and influencing its practitioners. For example, 1950's “We're Gonna Rock” and 1951's “Rock Little Baby” influenced Jerry Lee Lewis. On some of his later records, he was credited, for unknown reasons, as Gunter Lee Carr.

Also in later years he married and lived in Nashville, Tennessee. While preparing for a concert in Clarksdale, Mississippi he had a fatal heart attack probably due to his alcoholism. He is buried in Cleveland, Ohio.

Watch and listen to Cecil Gant at:

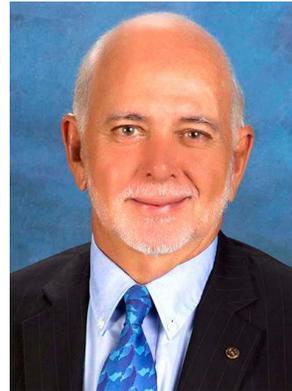
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oimoXGSE7cU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HF2sCMYE9iE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcUwFyggqmk>

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 1/18**  
**PAUL PEPE – THUNDER BAY TOURISM**

## ROTARY PRESIDENT-ELECT – 2018/19



RI President-elect Barry Rassin's theme for 2018-19, *Be the Inspiration*, asks Rotarians to inspire change in the world and in each other. “I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help.”

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran. Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.